

FALL 2021

Spirit

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PRESBYTERY

Calling All Presbyterian Women

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FALL GATHERING WITH

FARSIJANA ADENEY-RISAKOTTA

MISSION CO-WORKER IN INDONESIA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

VIA ZOOM

- 9:30am ZOOM IN / INTRODUCTIONS / DEVOTIONS
- 10:00 START THE DAY WITH FARSIJANA -
DIRECT FROM INDONESIA
- 11:00 BUSINESS MEETING:
- approval of by-law revisions
 - reports and announcements

Farsijana and her husband, Bernie, share in the ministry in Indonesia. Farsijana teaches at Duta Wacana Christian University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. She is founder and director of the House of Authentic Sense (HAS), a community-based cooperative comprised of village entrepreneurs from throughout the province of Yogyakarta. Her husband, Bernie, retired in March 2019 as a PC(USA) mission co-worker. There'll be a time for questions and answers following her presentation.

**PLEASE RSVP TO BETTY DELANEY
BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK
BETTY.DELANEY@SBCGLOBAL.NET**



The PW Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that
strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

REJOICE IN HOPE!

Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

This was going to be our year to travel to St. Louis, MO, for the PW Churchwide Gathering (a triennial event). And because of the pandemic, the in-person event was not going to happen; but it would be a live streaming online via Zoom.

There were 188 Voting Representatives during the two days of Business Meeting (August 4-5, 2021). Training for use of devices was given to all voting reps in preparation for the actual meetings. Led by Moderator Jyungin Lee, the agendas were full with acknowledgments of people and of thanks, introductions of worship leaders, business of the day (hearing reports, votes on action items — bylaw change, 2022-2024 budget, a language change, and voting for our 2021-2024 PW Board of Directors).

Presbyterian Women was acknowledged as a Matthew 25 group by Rev. Rachell Hunter who shared in her sermon that with resources available we can do something good in the world in relation to the three main emphases of Matthew 25 — building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. She closed with our listening to the hymn “When the Poor Ones.” (Glory to God hymnal #762)

Susan Jackson Dowd, PW's Executive Director, acknowledged correspondence; specifically, thank-you's from several groups that received Thank Offering grants for their projects. She also thanked the staff and people behind the details to produce this gathering.

We heard from Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly from Louisville. He spoke about today's struggles such as gun violence and that our world is in need of vision and hope. We should take responsibility to hold onto the Christian legacy in this time of transitional change. He thanked PW for taking the lead and finding ways to be a great hope.

After the Business Meetings, the Churchwide Gathering opened with introductions to future Horizons Bible studies by their authors. The keynote speaker was Rev. Irene Pak Lee, associate pastor of Stone Church of Willow Glen, San Jose, CA. She shared many thoughts using the Romans 12:12-13 passage. Our worship speaker was Rev. Diane Givens-Moffett who mentioned that 8,559 congregations have embodied Matthew 25. The word of God encourages us to strengthen our work.

The new PW Board of Directors (formerly PW Coordinating Team) were installed, and our new Moderator Rev. Kathy Reeves along with Jyungin Lee conducted the worship service and communion. Music was offered by the Austin College A Capella Choir and orchestra.

You are encouraged to go online to www.pcusa.org/pwgathering to view the business meeting and the Churchwide Gathering to view and hear details and other information about the event.

In hopes of an in-person gathering to come, the last note on the video is: “See you in 2024 in St. Louis.”

—Mildred Hall, PWP-SF Voting Representative

Meet our new Cluster Coordinators!

At the June Gathering, new leaders were installed which included three new Cluster Coordinators. They will communicate with your PW moderator or Pastor to provide information related to Presbyterian Women. To find out which Cluster Coordinator is assigned to your women's group, please see church listing below. Feel free to contact her if you have questions about PW!

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CHRIST UNITED
COVENANT

FIRST, SAN MATEO
FIRST UNITED
IGLESIA
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GRACE

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CHRIST, SAN LEANDRO
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FAITH
SOJOURNER TRUTH
FIRST, BERKELEY
NEW BRIDGES

With gratitude, we recognize the outgoing Cluster Communicators: Anne Jayne, Karen Vied and Phyllis Givens for their valuable service to PWP-SF.

2021-2022 COORDINATING TEAM

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Shout It Out! Women Who Have Found Their Voice

PW Synod of the Pacific
2021 Fall Gathering
a virtual Gathering via Zoom

Saturday, October 23, 2021
9:30am - 12:45pm (Pacific Time)

PLENARY SPEAKER:

Rev. Glenda Hope



Shouting out for the marginalized and victims of unjust systems reflects Glenda Hope's 40-plus years of ministry in San Francisco. She provides a voice for the voiceless and is known as the "Living Saint" of the Tenderloin district.



Be inspired discussing
other women's voices
(past & present):

REV. LIZ THEOHARIS

SARAH DEER

REV. KATIE GENEVA CANNON

DONALDINA CAMERON

SHANTI SOLOMON



Register by October 17
to receive zoom link
and additional details

To register, contact Vicki Hautala at
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We Can Do It!

First Presbyterian Church Livermore

**Together-in-Service
Magic Masker Makers**

WEARING A FACE MASK
IS AN ACT OF LOVE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

I have made calls to several churches in our Presbytery (I was not able to connect with all of our churches!) to find out what projects have continued during the time of Covid. Many projects have been continued by sending funds to Presbyterian Disaster Fund or funds to buy back packs for children. Several groups continue to work individually knitting or crocheting hats for babies or the homeless, prayer shawls and quilts. Quilts go to refugee families or programs dealing with trafficked women and youth. Several groups turned to mask making and turned out huge numbers like over 2,000 from Livermore. Masks were shared with family, friends, hospitals and other organizations that needed them. Many of our churches are supporting food banks and food programs.

I would love to hear from you about where your projects go that might give the rest of us an idea of what we could be doing. -- Karen Vied, kvied@comcast.net

PW Mission Work Through the Years

Prayer Shawl Ministry & Together-In-Service



First Presbyterian
Church Livermore



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



Thank Offering²⁰²¹

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.

—Proverbs 8:34*

Learn more about the
Thank Offering
of Presbyterian Women
by visiting
[www.presbyterian
women.org/thank](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank).



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In 1888, Eliza Cookley of Springfield, OH urged women to give one dollar over and above her regular giving to the Women's General Missionary Society, as a "thank offering" to the Lord. Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement at that time. Over the last 33 years, Presbyterian Women has granted nearly \$27 million to more than 1,000 different projects at home and around the world through the PW Thank Offering. At least 40 percent of this offering funds health ministries, often helping the most marginalized members of God's community. The remaining percentage supports new or expanded projects and small capital improvement projects.

You can contribute to the Thank Offering as an individual or through your PW group. Checks can be sent to Jeanette Huie, PWP Treasurer, 5080 Kearney Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602 and they will be forwarded to the national PW office before the end of the year.

PW Puzzler #7

A Grateful Heart for Presbyterian Women Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the jumbled words using the clues to the right. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to solve the mystery phrase!

1. slsbgnesi	<div>4 12 22 31</div>	Clues 1. Count your _____! 2. We often gather with _____ during the holidays. 3. _____, Hope and Love 4. The greatest of these is _____. 5. The time of waiting for the birth of Jesus 6. Our Reformed tradition. 7. PW is a _____ of women. 8. A small group of Presbyterian Women is often called a _____. 9. We are an inclusive, _____ community of women. 10. We gather for prayer and _____ (2 words, no space). 11. In November, we celebrate the holiday of _____. 12. The feeling of being thankful. 13. We are an _____, caring community of women. 14. The holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus
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5. edantv	<div>1 35 9</div>	
6. esynperatbir	<div>28 27 23 17</div>	
7. omntuycm	<div>32 26 25</div>	
8. ecirlc	<div>5 34</div>	
9. irngca	<div>18</div>	
10. bsubeyldit	<div>24 16 11</div>	
11. ghiskgvaitnn	<div>7 6 15</div>	
12. etdrtiuag	<div>13</div>	
13. iuelvcsni	<div>8</div>	
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8. ecirlc

C I R C L E
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9. irngca

C A R I N G
18

10. bsubeyldit

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24 16 11

11. ghiskgvaitnn

T H A N K S G I V I N G
7 6 15

12. etdrtiug

G R A T I T U D E
13

13. iuelvcsni

I N C L U S I V E
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14. mrssthica

C H R I S T M A S
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C E L E B R A T E
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

T H E
9 10 11

B L E S S I N G
12 13 14 15 16 17 18

O F
19 20

P R E S B Y T E R I A N
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

W O M E N
32 33 34 35